

August 27, 1981

Memo to File:

RE: Escalante Silver Mine
Ranchers Exploration and
Development Corporation
ACT/021/004
Iron County, Utah

On August 19, 1981, Tom Tetting and Gilbert Hunt of the Division's staff visited the Escalante Silver Mine in Iron County. Mark Welsh, mine engineer, and Tanara Harlin, mine geologist, gave a synopsis of the mine activities. The mine is currently in a construction and development stage. A mill is under construction and will be in operation September 1, 1981. As noted in Ranchers' Mining and Reclamation Plan, the mine intercepts a large volume of ground water (19,000 gpm current discharge) and involves a prodigious recycling system. Currently, an extensive water monitoring plan is being carried out. Due to the agriculture in the vicinity and the existence of water wells, Ranchers has been working very closely with the local farmers to assure protection of their interests. Mining is currently going on and the ore is being stockpiled.

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